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AK 51CONFIDENTIALMay 26th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3526COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATEONATOMIC ENERGY LIST ITEM 22 - ION SEPARATORS ETC..May 11th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan,  
Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 2869.70, 3498, 3514.

The United States Delegate referred to the question which had been raised by the German Delegate concerning the residual part of Atomic Energy List Item 22 (COCOM 3498). He said that his authorities had hoped that Member Countries would continue to embargo the residual part of this item but they realised that this was not obligatory. The question had been under careful study in Washington and he had now received instructions to propose a redefinition of Atomic Energy List Item 22 in a non-substantive way which they hoped would avoid interpretation difficulties in the future. His authorities also proposed that part of the old residual should be transferred to List I. The following were the redefinition proposals.

Proposal for redefinition of Atomic Energy List Item 22:

"Electromagnetic ion separators, mass spectrometers and mass spectrographs with analyser assemblies capable of handling uranium hexafluoride (UF 6) and solid source mass spectrometers for mass spectrographs of high sensitivity."

Proposal for new List I item:

"Mass spectrographs and mass spectrometers, n.e.s. except leak detectors."

The Delegate pointed out that the new List I proposal covered equipment which did not figure in international trade but which was used essentially for military research, such as for high energy fuels, heat resistant plastics and upper atmosphere research.

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